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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING -FAO STATEMENT

1. SUMMARY: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) DG SAOUMA DELIEVED HIS GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT TO THE UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 27. SAOUMA CONCENTRATED ON THE CENTRAL ROLE FOR FOA IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR AGREEMENTS "WITH THE OTHER BODIES ENGAGED IN ALLIED ACTIVITIES." KEY SECTIONS FROM THE STATEMENT ARE QUOTED BELOW IN PARAS 2 THROUGH 7. (FULL TEXT POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT --IO/AGR BYRNES.) PARA 8 CONTAINS IMPORTANT POINTS MADE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. "FAO PROCLAIMS ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN FAMILY AND UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS FOR COORDINATION THAT CAN ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME. BUT THERE ARE ALSO TWO DANGEROUS PITFALLS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE AVOIDED.... THE FIRST IS THAT OF ERECTING A UN STRUCTURE

THAT IS BOTH TOO CUMBERSOME AND TOO COMPLEX TO BE EFFECTIVE,
AND IN WHICH ENERGIES ARE DIRECTED MORE TOWARD COORDINATION AMONG
THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS THAN TOWARD ACTION.
THE SECOND DANGER IS THAT FUNCTIONS IN THE AGRICULTURAL
SECTOR MIGHT BE SO FRAGMENTED AS TO LEAD TO NEEDLESS
COMPETITION AND EVEN TO DUPLICATION OF EFFORT."

3. I MUST CONVEY TO YOU THE ANXIETY EXPRESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY COUNTRIES DURING THE LAST FAO CONFERENCE OVER THE PROLIFERATION OF AGENCIES DEALING WITH THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS, IF THE THREE ENGENDERED BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE WHAT I CALL COORDINATION AGENCIES, WHILE THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS GEARED FOR ACTION. CONCERN THAT THIS PROLIFERATION MIGHT HINDER INSTEAD OF FACILITATING THE WORK OF FAO LED THE COUNCIL OF MY ORGANIZATION TO SET UP A COMMITTEE TO REDEFINE ITS OWN ROLE. THIS CONCERN MAKES MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS WITH FUNCTIONS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

4. "...MERELY BY DEFINING TASKS, A COHERENT INSTRUMENT COULD BE BUILT UP. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF IMPOSING ANYTHING WHATEVER; HOWEVER, IN THE AGRICULTURAL SPHERE, WHICH IS MY CONCERN, ONCE FAO'S LEADING ROLE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED, AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED WITH THE OTHER BODIES ENGAGED IN ALLIED ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATIONS OF EFFORT AND PROVIDE GREATER EFFECTIVENESS."

5. " HENCE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH CLOSE AND EVEN INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS WITH NEW AGENCIES SUCH AS THE WFC, THE CGFPI, AND THE IFAD, AND THESE TIES SHOULD BE AS CLOSE AS THOSE THAT BIND FAO AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM."

6. "I HAVE JUST CITED THE WORKING RELATIONS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN FAO AND THE WFP AS A MODEL TO BE IMITATED. THE REASON IS THAT 85 PERCENT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LATTER ARE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO FAO. AND COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN
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THE TWO INSTITUTIONS IS REALIZED IN PRACTICE WHEN FAO PUTS ITS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE PROGRAMME, WHICH HEIGHTENS THE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF THE LATTER'S PROJECTS, WHILE IN RETURN THE RESOURCES OF THE WFP MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN OPERATIONS THAT GIVE EFFECT TO THE POLICY LAID DOWN BY THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

7."...I ISSUE A CALL TO THE HEADS OF ALL THE AGENCIES
OPERATING ENTIRELY OR PARTLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
THAT WE MEET TO DETERMINE PRECISELY HOW AND BY WHAT METHODS
WE MAY COORDINATE OUR OPERATIONS BETTER AND AVOID DUPLICATIONS
OF EFFORT SO THAT ALL OUR HUMAN, TECHNICAL AND
FINANCIAL RESOURCES MAY BE FOCUSSED ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT."

8. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SAOUMA MADE THE FOLLOWING
POINTS:

--IN DESCRIBING WFC AS A COORDINATING BODY, HE
NOTED THAT COORDINATING BODIES HAVE A TENDENCY TO DEVELOP
THEIR OWN EXPERTISE AND ENTER INTO COMPETITION WITH THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES;
--IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE WFC CAN PLAY A JUST-
IFIED ROLE AND THE WFC MAY HAVE A SLOW NATURAL DEATH;
--HE WOULD OPPOSE THE MERGER OF THE WFP INTO THE
PROPOSED UN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BECAUSE THE WFP IS NEITHER
A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOR A PRE-INVESTMENT AGENCY;
--HE HAS JUST REACHED AGREEMENT WITH MCNAMARA OF
IBRD AND MORSE OF UNDP TO REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF THE CGFPI, WHICH INDICATES A CONCERN ABOUT THE ORIENTATION
OF THE GROUP;
--FAO WILL ESTABLISH A SPECIAL UNIT TO DO FEASIBILITY
STUDIES AND PROVIDE "AS MUCH TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IFAD
AS IFAD MAY AGREE."
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